

Georgia Department of Transportation Fact Sheet

US 441

CORRIDOR FACTS

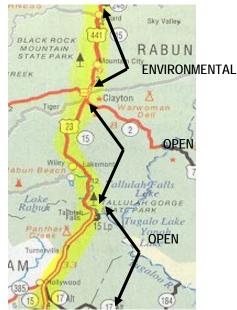
- ♦ The US 441 corridor travels the length of the state beginning at the North Carolina State Line and extending to the Florida State Line.
- ◆ The US 441 corridor is a major north/south transportation artery in the east/central part of Georgia.
- ◆ Completed projects will provide **4-lanes** of roadway, usually divided with a grass median.
- The US 441 corridor is approximately **371 miles** in length and is the longest of the GRIP corridors.
- There are approximately 196 miles (53%) open to traffic.
- ◆ The current estimated cost to complete the four-lane construction of the US 441 corridor is \$799,784,000.

PREPARING A HIGHWAY PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION

Highway construction demands adherence to an exact project development process, as specified in federal and state laws. This process incorporates a number of key stages that are vital to the development of a highway construction project:

- ♦ Concept Development: Data analysis, conceptual studies and alternatives analysis
- <u>Environmental Approval</u>: Surveys for environmental resources, public meetings and environmental document approval
- Preliminary Design Plans: Design and preparation of preliminary roadway plans and utility coordination
- Right of Way Acquisition: Property title research, right of way plans, property appraisal, purchase of right of way
- Final Design Plans: Design and preparation of final construction plans and contract documents
- ♦ <u>Let to Contract</u>: Advertise for bids, award to construction contract and begin construction

US 441 CORRIDOR STATUS FROM NORTH CAROLINA TO FLORIDA

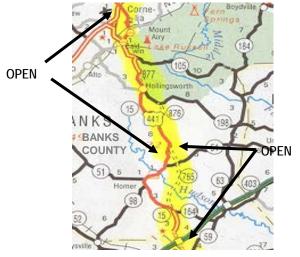


US 441- From the North Carolina line in Rabun County through Hollywood in Habersham County

The first project on the US 441 corridor begins at the North Carolina State Line in Rabun County and extends 8.6 miles to the north city limits of Clayton (**Project No. 122090-)**. Surveys for environmental resources have been completed and development of the environmental document is underway. Right of way funding is scheduled for FY 2015 and construction funds have not been identified.

Through the city of Clayton the corridor is complete and open to traffic. The next 10.2 mile long project section of the corridor extends from the south city limits of Clayton to Tallulah Falls in Rabun County. This section is complete and open to traffic.

The corridor continues another 20.0 miles from Tallulah Falls to SR 365 in Habersham County. This section is complete and open to traffic.



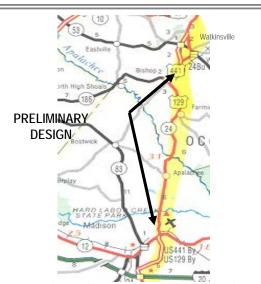
US 441-Between Cornelia in Habersham County and I-85 in Banks County

The corridor is complete and open to traffic from SR 365 at Cornelia in Habersham County to the Homer Bypass in Banks County, through the I-85 interchange to south of the city of Commerce in Jackson County.



US 441-Between the Commerce Bypass in **Jackson County and Clarke County line**

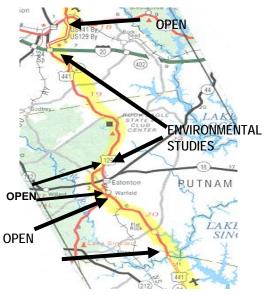
From south of the Commerce Bypass the corridor is complete through Jackson and Clarke Counties and follows the Athens Bypass on the east side of Athens.



US 441-From the Watkinsville Bypass in Oconee County to the Madison Bypass in Morgan County

The corridor is complete south of Athens in Clarke County along US 441 to the Watkinsville Bypass in Oconee County.

From south of the Watkinsville Bypass to north of Madison the concept development is complete on this 16.6 mile section. (Project Nos. 122660-, 222560-). Right-of-way and construction funding have not been identified.



US 441-I-20 in Morgan County to Lake Sinclair in Putnam County

The Madison Bypass is complete and open to traffic.

From I-20 at Madison to the north terminus of the Eatonton Bypass (Project Nos. 222570-, 222580-), the environmental studies are underway on this 17.2 mile long section. Right of way funding is scheduled for FY 2016 on 222570- and construction funds have not been identified. Right of Way and construction funds have not been identified for 222580-.

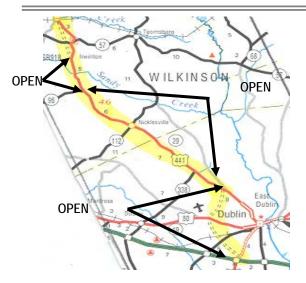
The Eatonton Bypass is complete and open to traffic.

The corridor is complete and open to traffic from the Eatonton Bypass to Lake Sinclair.



US 441-From the Millegeville Bypass in Baldwin County through the Irwinton Bypass in Wilkinson County

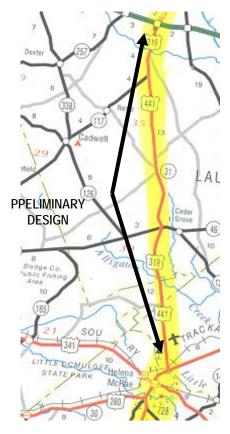
The corridor continues from just north of Lake Sinclair and including the Milledgeville Bypass to south of Irwinton, including the Irwinton Bypass. This section is complete and open to traffic.



US 441-From the Irwinton Bypass in Wilkinson County to I-16 in Laurens County

US 441 is open to traffic from the Irwinton Bypass to I-16 in Dublin

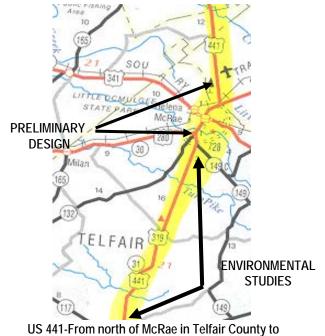
The 8.7 mile Dublin Bypass is complete and open to traffic



US 441-From I-16 in Laurens County to McRae in Telfair County

US 441 at the I-16 interchange is complete and open to traffic.

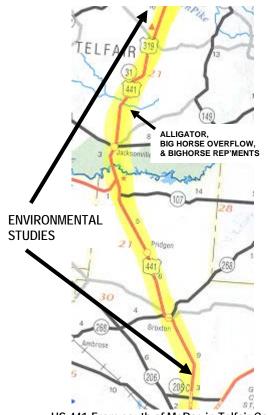
The next group of projects are in the design phase (Project Nos. 262027-, 262064-, 262061-) and stretch 28.0 miles from the I-16 interchange to the proposed North McRae Bypass. The environmental document is approved. Right-of-way and construction funding have not been identified for 262064- and 262061-. Right-of-way is scheduled in FY 2016 for project 262027-. Construction funds have not been identified.



Concept development is complete for the North McRae Bypass (Project No. 561470-) from the US441/US280/SR30 intersection in Wheeler County to the proposed South McRae Bypass. Environmental studies were completed in 2001 and preliminary design is underway. Right-of-way and construction funding has not been identified.

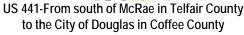
Concept development is complete for the South McRae Bypass (Project No. 531100-) from the proposed North McRae Bypass to US 441/SR 31 south of McRae. Environmental studies were completed in 2001. Right-of-way and construction funding have not been identified.

south of McRae in Telfair County



Concept development is complete for the projects (**Project Nos**. **522530-**, **522540-**, **421910-**, **421905-**, **421900-**) from the proposed South McRae Bypass in Telfair County to CR 416/ Jardine Road north of Douglas. This 38.0 mile section is being studied in one environmental document. Right-of-way and construction funding have not been identified.

An early project (Construction Project No. BRN-023-2(7)) to replace the bridges at Alligator, Big Horse Overflow, and Big Horse Creeks was constructed earlier than the adjacent roadway widening projects. Construction was completed in summer 2006.



RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION

US 441-From Pearson in Atkinson County to the Florida Line in Echols County

From Douglas in Coffee County to Pearson in Atkinson County, the 17.0 mile long section is complete and has four lanes open to traffic.

From the South Georgia Parkway at Pearson in Atkinson County to north of Homerville, there are two projects (**Project Nos. 422390-**, **422380-**) for which environmental studies are complete. Development of right of way plans are approved and right of way acquisition is underway. Construction funding has not been identified.

The improvement of US 441 in downtown Homerville was combined with the reconstruction of US 84. Construction is complete and open to traffic.

From the south side of Homerville to SR 94/SR 177 just south of Fargo in Clinch County, this 29.0 mile long segment is divided into three projects (**Project Nos. 422420-, 422400-, 422410-)** for which environmental studies and preliminary design are complete. Right of way acquisition is underway and construction funds have not been identified. The proposed 4-laning of US 441 ends just south of Fargo in Clinch County. The remaining few miles to the Florida State Line are not in project development at this time because the state of Florida does not plan to widen US 441 south of the Georgia State Line.